

## **CM/ECF UPGRADE**

The Court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system has recently been upgraded as follows:

### **Headers on Documents**

The system now adds a header to documents filed in the system, which includes the case name, case number, docket number and page number. This feature, which had been requested by chambers and attorneys, is a welcome addition to the system. There have been a few glitches with this feature which are being worked on and hopefully will be resolved shortly.

### **Free availability of "Written Opinions"**

The upgrade provides the necessary software for compliance with the requirement of the E-Government Act of 2002 that courts make written opinions available at no charge via their web sites.

ECF USERS: Enter your ECF login and password and click on the "Reports" option on the blue menu bar. Click on the "Written Opinions" report to search for opinions or to view case specific opinions filed after April 16, 2005. You will NOT be prompted to enter your PACER login and password.

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PACER users can also access opinions via existing reports and queries, such as the docket report, and will not be billed for accessing the written opinion document itself, but will be billed for the report or query used to identify the document. For example, if a PACER user runs a docket report, the user will be charged for the docket report (as usual). If the user then clicks on the document number hyperlink for a written opinion document, the user will not be charged for viewing the document. If a PACER user views a written opinion document, there will be no PACER billing receipt on the screen since there is no charge. Further, viewing a written opinion document will not result in an entry in the Review Billing History report.